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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The purpose of this letter is to voice my support of the Microsoft settlement. As a concerned citizen, I watched the case against Microsoft with great interest. Three years have now passed since the inception of this case. During this time, I have been increasingly annoyed by the amount of money wasted in disputing this issue. The court mediated settlement agreement reached last November is very equitable. I would hope that the Justice Department recognizes this and enacts the settlement at the end of January.

Further, I believe that the terms of the settlement will provide for great change in the tech industry. Under the stipulations of the agreement, Microsoft will disclose the protocols and interfaces of the Windows system. The result of this action will be to enable software and hardware developers to design new software that assimilates into the Windows operating system. This should increase productivity in the sector.

Finally, I would hope that the federal government decides to enact the settlement reached in November. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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